AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following listing of claims replaces all prior versions of the claims in the Application. With reference to the listing it is noted that, herewith, claims 1, 3, and 5-8 are amended, and claims 2 and 4 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. No new matter has been added.

Listing of Claims

1. (Currently Amended) A ~~method~~ system to handle a currency exchange, comprising:

a memory having program code stored therein; and

a processor operatively connected to said memory for carrying out instructions in accordance with said stored program code;

wherein said program code, when executed by said processor, causes said processor to perform:

establishing on a stock exchange a predetermined number of exchange shares, each said exchange share representing a first currency valued in terms of a second currency, wherein the first currency is a foreign currency;

presenting on the stock exchange, using [[a]] quotation ~~mechanism~~ of the stock exchange, one or more of the exchange shares; and

establishing a predetermined number of market makers, each said market maker having responsibilities for at least one of said exchange shares,

wherein one or more requests are passed to one or more of the market makers.

Claim 2 (Canceled)

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3. (Currently Amended) A ~~method~~ <u>system to handle a currency exchange</u>, comprising:

<u>a memory having program code stored therein; and</u>

<u>a processor operatively connected to said memory for carrying out instructions in accordance with said stored program code;</u>

<u>wherein said program code, when executed by said processor, causes said processor to perform:</u>

listing on a stock exchange a predetermined number of exchange shares, each said exchange share representing a first currency valued in terms of a second currency<u>, wherein the first currency is a foreign currency</u>;

presenting on the stock exchange, using [[a]] quotation ~~mechanism~~ of the stock exchange, one or more of the exchange shares; and

hosting a predetermined number of market makers, each said market maker having responsibilities for at least one of said exchange shares,

wherein one or more requests are passed to one or more of the market makers.

Claim 4 (Canceled)

5. (Currently Amended) The ~~method~~ <u>system</u> of claim 1 wherein said responsibilities include posting a bid and offer for said exchange shares.

6. (Currently Amended) The ~~method~~ <u>system</u> of claim 1 wherein said responsibilities include offering to purchase or sell said exchange shares for posted amounts.

7. (Currently Amended) The ~~method~~ system of claim 3 wherein said responsibilities include posting a bid and offer for said exchange shares.

8. (Currently Amended) The ~~method~~ system of claim 3 wherein said responsibilities include offering to purchase or sell said exchange shares for posted amounts.

9. (Withdrawn) A method for performing currency exchange, comprising:

placing a request with a broker;

having the broker pass the request to a market maker; and

having the market maker execute the request.

10. (Withdrawn) A method for performing currency exchange comprising:

determining the amount of native currency that can be received in return for a specified number of shares of a first exchange share;

determining the number of shares of a second exchange share that can be purchased for the determined amount of native currency; and

simultaneously submitting a request to sell the specified number of shares of said first exchange share, and a request to purchase the determined number of shares of said second exchange share.

11. (Withdrawn) A system for performing currency exchange, comprising:

a memory having program code stored therein; and

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a processor operatively connected to said memory for carrying out instructions in accordance with said stored program code;

wherein said program code, when executed by said processor, causes said processor to perform the steps of:

determining the amount of native currency that can be received in return for a specified number of shares of a first exchange share;

determining the number of shares of a second exchange share that can be purchased for the determined amount of native currency; and

simultaneously submitting a request to sell the specified number of shares of said first exchange share, and a request to purchase the determined number of shares of said second exchange share.